

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2009 - HB 2062

March 6, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from \$200 to \$300, the maximum administrative fee for the appointment of a guardian ad litem that may be assessed on the parent or guardian of a juvenile by the court in delinquency or unruly cases.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – Exceeds \$22,500

Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$1,200

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), of the 23,585 juvenile cases in which council was appointed in 2012, administrative fees were assessed in 11,848 of the cases. That is approximately 50 percent of all cases ($11,848 / 23,585 = 0.502$)
- AOC's data does not distinguish between the type of cases or the amount of fee that was assessed; therefore, it is unknown how many of the 11,848 cases the increased fee may apply to as authorized by the bill.
- It is assumed that at least 20 percent, or 2,370, of the 11,848 cases were for delinquent or unruly juveniles.
- It is further assumed that at least 10 percent, or 237 cases, were assessed the maximum administrative fee and will be assessed an additional \$100 as a result of the bill.
- The increase in fee revenue is estimated to exceed \$23,700 (237 cases x \$100).
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-126 (c)(3), five percent can be retained by the court clerks and the remaining 95 percent is deposited in the General Fund.
- The increase in state revenue is estimated to exceed \$22,515 ($\$23,700 \times .95$).
- The increase in local revenue is estimated to exceed \$1,185 ($\$23,700 \times .05$).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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